

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] FIG. 3 is a sectioned view of the adjustable gripping tool of FIG. 2 wherein one ~~[element]~~ component of a first element has been removed.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014] FIG. 6 is a detailed broken-away section view of the adjustable gripping tool of FIG. 6 wherein one element of the first ~~[element]~~ component has been removed.

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] One ~~[principle]~~ principal aspect of the present invention is directed to an adjustable gripping tool for engaging a workpiece to impart work thereto. The gripping tool includes a first element and a second element connected for a relative angular movement which when activated generates movement of at least one gripping or workpiece engaging element. The first element includes a gripping portion configured to engage the workpiece including a first opening, at least one guide extending from the first opening and at least one gripping element. Each at least one gripping element includes a body portion adapted for engaging a workpiece, an arm portion configured to engage one of the guides and a force transfer element contiguous with the arm portion. The second element includes an actuation portion having a second opening concentric with the first opening and at least one slot disposed adjacent the second opening. Each of the slots has a first section configured to engage one of the force transfer elements such that movement of the second element with respect to the first element simultaneously actuates each at least one first section to contact and move one of the force transfer elements thereby actuating the gripping elements along the guides.

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Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] In one embodiment of the present invention, the arm portion 36 of the gripping elements 26 further include[s] a pair of arms 37A, 37B disposed at opposite ends of the body portion 34 such that the gripping elements 36 are substantially U-shaped. It will be recognized by those of skill in the art that the pair of arms 37A, 37B, when so provided engaged the respective guides 32 formed in the first element elements 23A, 23B, respectively. The pair of arms 37A, 37B each include an aperture 40 aligned such that one of the force transfer elements 38 is contiguous therewith for positioning and actuation of the gripping elements 26 as detailed below.

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